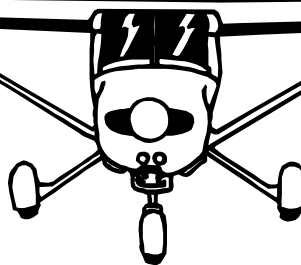


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UPCOMING EVENTS

July	
11-18	Cadet Leadership School
17-18	Pilot Clinic Altus
17-24	SWR Staff College
23 Jul 1 Aug	IACE
August	
6-14	NFA - Bacone College MKO
7-8	Redefining Your Squadron/SLS OKC
19	National Aviation Day
28-29	SAREX Altus
September	
11-12	CLC Norman
18-19	SAR EVAL Tenative
TBA	CN Training Chickasha

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Virginia Keller

The month of July brings many occasions for CAP to be active in parades, 4th of July celebrations, and opportunities to visit other squadrons, perhaps other wings, Staff Colleges and encampments so we need to really be aware of our uniforms and appearance. You've heard the old saying "You only have one chance to make a first impression". Be sure the uniform is properly pressed and tailored, and if you don't meet the grooming and weight standards, wear the alternate uniform until you have exercised yourself back to standards. I know it must seem like I spend a lot of time on this particular subject, but it is so important. At every National Board, the National Commander always begins by having the members inspect each other for uniform infractions before we start on the business before the board.

We have some classes coming up that anyone who has not attended needs to. It is good to attend a Squadron Leadership School

(SLS) as soon as you can because it is the basic course explaining what a squadron does and how to do it. It covers most of the Administration, Customs and Courtesies, Emergency Services, Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Operations, DDR, State Director Office, Safety, CAP Publications and Regulations, Uniforms and Membership and Information Management System. The next course is Corporate Learning Course (CLC). This course covers similar information but goes more into how the Wing operates and what the various departments in the Wing do on a daily basis. By attending SLS and CLC you will be more familiar with CAP and how it operates and more valuable to your squadron and the wing. Watch for the dates of the upcoming classes and make it a point to be there.

Virginia Keller, Col, CAP
Oklahoma Wing Commander



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

AFRCC SEARCH MANAGEMENT COURSE

Heads up!!

Keep this date in mind, the tentative date for this course is 1-5 November and will probably be held at the Tulsa Sheriff's Office. The class covers search and rescue management from the Air Force perspective.

The number of slots allowed for CAP is limited and will be done on first come first served basis. More information to follow when everything is firm. Lt Col Paul Spencer is the contact person and will require Form 17s (as it has to be approved by NHQ).



CADETS VISIT TINKER DURING CAP WEEK

By SrA Amanda Mills, Airscoop Editor

(Editor's Note: The following is an article sent to me by Lt. Col. Joe Smith along with the following note "We got some press in the Vance AFB newspaper today. This was posted on the web site".)

"Gen John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, designated July 4 to 11 as Civil Air Patrol Cadet Week. The week was designed to educate CAP cadets about the Air Force mission, show support and foster a closer working relationship between the CAP and local installations. To highlight the week, the CAP Enid Composite Squadron toured Vance Air Force Base Tuesday. They visited aerospace physiology, saw a military working dog demonstration, an honor guard demonstration, received T-1 and T-38C simulator rides and toured aircraft maintenance. "The cadets' overall impression was this was the 'greatest thing since sliced bread' ... so many aspects of Team Vance, from airfield management to security forces ... all came together and made the tour really outstanding for the cadets," said CAP Lt Col Joe Smith. "CAP operates closely with the Air Force, but we really appreciated this opportunity to let cadets see in detail what goes on at Vance (Air Force Base) and in the real Air Force." "This week is dedicated to over 27,000 youths who make

service, patriotism and integrity a cornerstone of their lives through participation in CAP's cadet program," General Jumper said in a letter about the week. "Attracting youth to aviation and space-related career fields is key to our nation's continued progress in aeronautics and astronautics. CAP's cadet program is an investment in America's future, both in producing responsible citizens for our nation and building a potential workforce for our air and space community." The cadet program meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday in Bldg 690. For information on the local chapter, call 6051. For general CAP information, visit www.capnhq.gov. (AIRSCOOP Issue: July 09, 2004)"

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REDEFINING YOUR SQUADRON

(Information from flyer on Wing Calendar)

**INTERESTED IN IMPROVING YOUR UNIT FROM
WHERE IT IS TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE?
NOT SURE HOW TO GET THERE?****MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND “REDEFINING YOUR SQUADRON” AUGUST 7-8, 2004**

Participants will receive credit for attending a SLS, although the material is entirely different and this is not like any SLS or other CAP program in existence.

Scheduled topics include:

- 5 steps to figuring out where you are, where you want to be and how to get there;
- Creating and running a successful cadet program;
- Recruiting and open houses;
- Retention/mentorship;
- Delegating/avoiding burnout;
- Establishing a productive meeting schedule;
- Fund raising/donation campaigns;
- Parent's clubs;
- Promoting competition;
- Recognition and awards;
- Surround yourself with great people and think big in everything you do;
- Learning your purpose in CAP;
- Question & answer session with those who have built and re-built a number of squadrons from the ground through the roof.

We are looking for squadrons to participate in teams of at least 3 people, including the squadron commander, someone involved in cadet programs and those who really want to change CAP! Primary instructors include Susannah Lyon and Bryce Herkert.

Squadron commanders should contact LtCol Bryce M. Herkert at 405-609-6000 or bmh@jchlhw.com not later than 1 July if they are interested in having their unit participate. We anticipate limiting this program to the first 6 units or 40 people.

**CAP has been performing missions
for America for more than 60 years.**

101 CRITICAL DAYS

Excerpt from The Sentinel - Civil Air Patrol's Safety Newsletter May 2004

Accident-filled period of time between Memorial Day Weekend, which begins 29 May and Labor Day Weekend, ending 6 September. Summer time, unfortunately, it is a time we place ourselves at greatest risk. With long-awaited vacations and weekends filled with CAP activities, we tend to be over-anxious and a little less attentive in our eagerness to enjoy all our carefully planned events. Eagerness and inattention can be a tragic combination. We want the summer of 2004 to be an enjoy-able and mishap free summer, but it requires extra effort from everyone to be especially careful, diligent and safety conscious.

Remember Operational Risk Management (ORM) can work as well at a weekend barbeque as it can at a CAP flight activity. You simply must identify the hazards, assess how risky they are and come up with a plan to minimize or eliminate the risk. So please take the time to examine each situation of each activity and consider the consequences of not making safety a part of every decision.

**Remember, You are Responsible
for your own Safety!!**

JULY IS EYE INJURY PREVENTION MONTH

Exerpt from The Sentinel - Civil Air Patrol's Safety Newsletter July 2004

On average, nearly 1 million accidental eye injuries occur each year. For this reason, July has been officially recognized as a time to focus attention on protecting our eyes in all environments.

Most of CAP's eye injuries have occurred in the cadet ranks. Probably the most common eye injury is caused by cleaning agents, such as ammonia, when cadets are cleaning bathroom facilities during encampments. Sports and horseplay also have great potential to cause eye injuries. Additionally, **all** of our members should take precautions especially when:

- in heavy brush during a ground search
- exposed to wind or prop-driven debris
- mowing or using a "weed-eater"
- working with lead-acid batteries

If eye injury does occur, here are some tips from *Eye Injury MD*, visit on the web at: <http://www.eyeinjury.com/firstaid.html> for more details:

- Specks in the eye - Don't rub your eye. Lift the upper lid over the lower lid allowing the lower lashes to brush the speck off the inside of the upper lid.
- Cuts of the eye and lid - Seek medical help immediately
- Blows to the eye - Immediately apply an ice compress to the eye to reduce pain and swelling.
- Chemical burns - Flood the eye with water immediately, using your fingers to keep the eye open as wide as possible.

When an accident involves the eye, you should get medical help immediately. Prompt, proper treatment of eye injuries can save vision.

Have Your "Sights on Safety"!



SHEDDING SOME LIGHT - BACK TO BASICS

Capt Kathy Curtin

Do you know what a Flashing White Light means? How about an alternating Red and Green Signal?

With all of the new technological advances made in aviation, we must realize sometimes things may just not work. Computers go down, electronics short out, and radios go dead resulting in the inability to transmit or receive vital communications.

Federal Aviation Regulations 91.125 defines the light signals used by Air Traffic Controllers (ATC). If the control tower is aware two-way communications has been lost, they may try to communicate with the pilot by using light signals. These high-intensity signals can be directed to the aircraft directly from the tower. If an aircraft is on the ground, the pilot can move the rudder back and forth to signify he/she understands the light signal used by ATC. If an aircraft is in flight, the pilot can wiggle or rock the wings. After dark, flashing navigational or landing lights will let ATC know the pilot understands the light signal received.

ATC light signals have the meaning shown in the following table:

Color & Type of Signal	Aircraft on Ground	Aircraft in Flight	Movement of Vehicles, Equipment and Personnel
Steady Green	Cleared for Takeoff	Cleared for Land	Cleared to Cross; Proceed; GO
Flashing Green	Cleared to Taxi	Return for Landing (to be followed by steady green at proper time).	Not applicable
Steady Red	Stop	Give way to other aircraft and continue circling.	Stop
Flashing Red	Taxi clear of runway is use	Airport unsafe—do not land	Clear the taxiway or runway
Flashing White	Return to starting point	Not applicable	Return to starting point
Alternating red and green	Exercise extreme caution	Exercise extreme caution	Exercise extreme caution

It is important not just the pilot but all aircrew and ground crew members be aware of what the light signals mean. Anyone operating an aircraft or vehicle around an airport are required to comply with the Federal Aviation Regulations.

May the Light be with You!

TOUCH'N GO

Miscellaneous Notes

SOUTHWEST REGION STAFF COLLEGE

The dates are approaching for Southwest Region Staff College. While we have past the deadline for participants to apply, we still have room for additional students. We have no one from OKWG going, it would be nice if someone could make it, but time is Urgent.

OKLAHOMA CADET ATTENDS AEROSPACE EDUCATION ACADEMY

The Oklahoma Wing was well represented by cadet **Gregory Keller** from Stillwater Composite Squadron at the Aerospace Education Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in June. His class was the first in the nation to do the new Rocketry course. He had the singular honor of being chosen Honor Cadet of the week.

SUPPLEMENTAL SPACE MODULE AVAILABLE

A new supplemental Space Module is now available on the National CAP website at <http://www.cap.gov/ssm.html> This module is intended to supplement Aerospace Modules five and six with new up-to-date content. Chapters include: the X-prize, Satellites and the Satellite Tool Kit, the International Space Station, Mars, and Astronomy. Not only does this module contain new information, but exciting new activities are incorporated.

CIVILIAN SPACE FLIGHT

Look at web site www.space.com and click their tool bar "space flight". You will find articles on the Mars rovers and the first civilian space plane which was launched on 21 June. The pilot is the first civilian to earn his astronaut wings in a non-government flight.

EXCITING NEW WEB SITE

"AOPA Flight Training" magazine has dramatically revamped its Web site <http://www3w.aopa.org/epilot/redir.cfm?adaid=4515> to make it easier to navigate. Whether you are just trying to brush up or are pursuing an advanced rating or certificate, check out the new site and bookmark it today. There's a wealth of information and an archive of articles that cover everything from aviation psychology to flying technique. At the web site you can click on a button in the upper right-hand corner to take a "quick tour" of all the new features. A good pilot is always learning.



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